

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Amendments to the specification are provided in the Substitute Specification, marked and unmarked copies of which are filed herewith along with a Statement That the Specification Contains No New Matter.

In accordance with the Examiner's objection, the word "which" (originally on page 16, line 14) has been deleted as shown in the marked Substitute Specification. Other amendments reflect the amendments made during prosecution of the parent application (U.S.S.N. 09/354,664; now U.S. Patent 6,750,059), correct the spelling of "Hepes" to "HEPES", replace "FTA<sup>TM</sup>" with "FTA<sup>®</sup>", and add the number of the now-issued parent application.

On page 21 of the application, kindly amend this substitute specification to include the previously submitted sequence listing, which was filed with the parent application (U.S.S.N. 09/354,664) on July 16, 1999, and which was previously added by virtue of the Preliminary Amendment filed with the present application.